

Tongues: To Speak or Not To Speak. By DONALD W. BURDICK. Chicago:
Moody Press, 1969. 94 pp. 95¢.

Although there have been a number of books on the tongues question, this one is definitely a good addition to the literature. It is a book that will have to be reckoned with for its arguments are biblically based and soundly reasoned. The author has covered the subject thoroughly and yet simply.

His conclusions include these: tongues are foreign languages which had not been previously learned (p. 16); their primary purpose is evidential; 1 Corinthians 13:8 refers to the end of time; present-day tongues are not identifiable as languages; and that the current out-break is ^{chiefly} an abnormal psychological occurrence (p. 75).

In the reviewer's judgment, the discussion of 1 Corinthians 13:8 is skimpy while the treatment of Hebrews 2:3-4 is one of the best I have ever read. Although the author mentions the possibility of Satan being involved in tongues he does not link that to Satan's general work of counterfeiting. Concerning apparent benefits some seem to experience with tongues the author notes that "none of these benefits is the product of tongues as such. All can and should be experienced apart from tongues" (p. 83). The book is highly recommended.

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